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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 23 is amended to add a limitation that the (N,N-disubstituted)arylamine group is a julolidine group. The limitation is supported by the specification, for example, at page 3, lines 6-7, at page 8, lines 26-27, and at page 20, lines 4-6. New claim 27 is added, which is supported by the specification, for example, at page 3, lines 6-7, at page 8, lines 26-27, and at page 20, lines 4-6. Claim 26 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter is added by this amendment. Claims 23-25 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections based on the following comments.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 24 and 25 depend on claim 23. The Examiner indicated that the specification does not provide support to the limitation of "where the charge transport material comprises only one functional group having a vinyl group" in the previously amended claim 23. Claim 23 is currently amended so that the limitation of "where the charge transport material comprises only one functional group having a vinyl group" is deleted.

In view of the above comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

A) Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikuchi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,416,915). Kikuchi does not disclose that Z comprises a julolidine group. Claim 23 is amended such that Z comprises a julolidine group. After the amendment, the cited reference, Kikuchi, does not teach, suggest, or provide an incentive for the modification of the prior art reference to provide all the limitations, particularly the limitation that Z comprises a julolidine group. Therefore, the currently amended claim 23 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kikuchi under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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In view of the above comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikuchi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,416,915).

B) Claims 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikuchi. Kikuchi does not disclose that Z comprises a julolidine group. Claim 23 is amended such that Z comprises a julolidine group. After the amendment, the cited reference, Kikuchi, does not teach, suggest, or provide an incentive for the modification of the prior art reference to provide all the limitations, particularly the limitation that Z comprises a julolidine group. Therefore, the currently amended claim 23 and thus claims 24-25, which depend on claim 23, are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kikuchi under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the above comments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikuchi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,416,915).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-22 were indicated allowable over the prior art of record. Claim 26 was indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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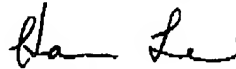
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 16-0611 the amount of \$50.00 for the presentation of the additional claim.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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